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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.